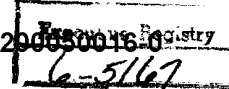


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10 January 1954

Memorandum for: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Subject: DDCI's luncheon with the Texas Congressional delegation on 12 January 1955.

1. In connection with your luncheon meeting with the Texas Congressional delegation on 12 January 1955, your attention is called to the biographic data on the members of that delegation commencing on page 137 of the February 1954 edition of the Congressional Directory.

2. J. Frank Wilson, of the 5th District (Dallas), did not seek reelection, and his seat was won by Bruce Alger, a Republican. It is believed that Mr. Alger is only the fifth Republican elected to Congress from Texas.

3. Wingate Lucas, of the 12th District, has been succeeded by Jim Wright.

4. John Lyle, Jr., of the 14th District, has been succeeded by John J. Bell.

5. Lloyd Bentsen, Jr., of the 15th District, has been succeeded by Joseph M. Kilgore. Kilgore is a lawyer, with four terms in the Texas Legislature. He was born in 1918 in Brown County and moved to Hidalgo County in 1949. He attended Westmoreland College in San Antonio and took his law at the University of Texas. In July 1941 Kilgore joined the Air Force and graduated from the West Coast flying school. He participated in raids in North Africa, Greece and Crete in support of the British 8th Army and commanded the second American air raid on Naples in December 1942. His decorations include the Silver Star, DFC, Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, two unit citations and four personal citations. He is still active as a lieutenant colonel with the 9811th Air Force Reserve Squadron in the Rio Grande Valley. His home is in McAllen, and he was considered the unofficial floor leader of the Texas House.

6. In the 16th District Kenneth Regan has been replaced by J. T. Rutherford.

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7. Senator Lyndon Johnson is now the Senate Majority Leader. He has never received a thorough CIA briefing, but was invited down for a Saturday morning briefing here on one or two occasions toward the close of the 83rd Congress. He was never able to fix a date, but we should take steps to arrange for such a briefing with him together with his Majority Whip, Senator Clements of Kentucky. Senator Johnson is a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

8. Senator Price Daniel was the Attorney General of Texas and was allied with Governor Shivers in supporting President Eisenhower in 1952.

9. Cong. Martin Dies is the Congressman at Large from Texas. He was a member of Congress from 1931 to 1945, when he voluntarily retired. In 1938 he introduced the resolution creating, and became the first Chairman of, the House Un-American Activities Committee. He is no longer a member of that Committee, and is on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee.

10. Cong. Wright Patman is largely interested in economic affairs and anti-trust matters. He is a member of the Banking and Currency Committee.

11. Sam Rayburn is again the Speaker of the House, having held that position longer than any other member in history. He has never received any briefing on CIA activities and it is not believed that he is desirous of one. CIA matters in the Democratic leadership have always been handled by the Majority Whip, John McCormack.

12. Olin Teague will presumably become the Chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee as soon as the new assignments are announced. He is the ranking Democratic member of the Committee.

13. Albert Thomas is the 4th ranking Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee and is Chairman of its Independent Offices Subcommittee. It has been reported that he has been mildly hostile to some CIA matters abroad arising out of a trip he took in 1953. At that time General Truscott assigned Capt. Graubart, USN, as an escort officer for Mr. Thomas both in Germany and Austria. In the latter country Graubart called in some CIA people to talk with the Congressman, who it is believed was not impressed, and it is also thought that Graubart himself was not strongly pro-CIA. I once discussed this

25X1 matter with Congressman Mahon, who said to let it ride and if any remarks came up he would handle them. Attached herewith is a memorandum dated 2 September 1953 from our Chief of Mission in Austria on the subject of [REDACTED] In January 1954

25X1 I talked with [REDACTED]

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25X1 [REDACTED] we did so, and the Congressman was appreciative.

14. Frank Ikard has been selected as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee which will handle tax matters and the President's reciprocal trade program. The Democratic membership of this Committee also serves as a "Committee on Committees" selecting the Democratic membership of the various Congressional Committees.

15. Omar Burleson is a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and is the ranking Democrat on its Inter-American Affairs Subcommittee. He is also a member of its Near East and Africa Subcommittee.

16. George Mahon is the second ranking member of the House Appropriations Committee and serves as the Chairman of its Armed Services Appropriations Subcommittee handling the CIA budget. He does not normally accept luncheon engagements, but likes to stop in in the morning on the way to work. Such a morning meeting will be advisable in the near future so that we can ascertain how he wishes to handle the CIA budget during the coming year, as well as the problem of financing the construction of a CIA building.

17. Paul Kilday is the third ranking member of the House Armed Services Committee and has not had much contact with CIA in recent years; however, he has always been friendly and helpful.

18. Clark Fisher is also a member of the Armed Services Committee and was debriefed here last Fall following his return from a trip to the Soviet Union.

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Legislative Counsel

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